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LOVE

Ima wa tada
Omoi tayenan
To bakari wo
Hitozute nara de
Iu yoshi mo gana.

If we could meet in privacy,
Where no one else could see,
Softly I'd whisper in thy ear
This little word from me—
'I'm dying, Love, for thee!'

LOVE'S BLOOM

Shinoburedo
Iro ni de ni keri
Waga koi wa
Mono ya omou to
Hito no tou made.

Alas! the blush upon my cheek,
Conceal it as I may,
Proclaims to all that I'm in love,
Till people smile and say—
'Where are thy thoughts today?'

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